

News from

Councilmember Todd Gloria

City of San Diego • District Three

Friends,

This Saturday afternoon, I hope you'll join me at Lestat's on Park for coffee and casual conversation about City issues of interest to you. If you want the latest news from our ongoing budget hearings or simply want to alert me to a pothole that needs attention, you're welcome to drop by.

Coffee with your Councilmember Saturday, May 5, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Lestat's on Park, 4496 Park Blvd.

City Budget Hearings Continue

As Chair of the City Council's Budget and Finance Committee, I have been leading Budget Review Hearings this week. The City Council is reviewing the proposed budgets of each department this week and next. To learn more about the proposed budget, the Independent Budget Analyst has put together an easy to understand report, available at http://www.sandiego.gov/iba/. A full calendar of budget hearings for City departments can be found on the Budget and Finance Committee's webpage. If you haven't already done so, please let me know your priorities and suggestions so our decisions reflect your input.

City's Credit Rating Gets a Boost

The reforms we have worked on with our City employees and our ongoing efforts to address our budget challenges are already saving taxpayers money, and they're generating other benefits as well. Last week, Standard & Poor's boosted the City of San Diego's primary credit rating from A to AA-.

S&P credited the City for our internal controls and processes, disclosure practices, and financial systems which should help future continued transparency, timeliness, and accuracy of our financial statements.

I am incredibly proud that our diligence and focus on righting our financial ship are paying off, and San Diegans should be confident our City is on a positive track.

Council to Consider Harvey Milk Street on Tuesday, May 8

As noted in earlier emails to you, the City Council will consider renaming Blaine Avenue in Hillcrest as Harvey Milk Street at our meeting next Tuesday, May 8. You are welcome at the meeting, and may certainly share your comments about the proposal beforehand as well.

Harvey Milk Street Public Hearing Tuesday, May 8, 2:00 p.m.*

City Administration Building, 12th floor 202 C Street

*Other items are also on the City Council's docket for the afternoon, so the exact time this item will be heard is not known at this time.

Bike Month

On Tuesday, Councilmember David Alvarez and I announced May is Bike Month in the City of San Diego. We joined the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, County Supervisor Greg Cox and SANDAG Chair Jerome Stocks to kickoff the month and raise awareness of the benefits of cycling. Later this month, I look forward to announcing completion of our first bike corral, which is under construction in Hillcrest. The bike corral will allow for safe street parking of up to 10 bicycles at a time in the same amount of space it takes to park one car. More corrals are planned for District Three, which will help address a challenge faced by cyclists. Much work remains to improve the safety and conditions of our active transportation network, but I'm excited about the steps we're taking.

If you have questions or concerns on these or any other topic of interest, please contact me at toddgloria@sandiego.gov, 619-236-6633, or via <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Twitter</u>.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Todd

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